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JUNE CIRCULATION.

g the	month	of June	Was as	follows:	
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				29	51,496
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The net total circulation of The Washington Times (daily) during the month of June was 1.165,769, all copies left over and returned being eliminated. This number, when divided by 26, the number of days of publication, shows the net daily average for June to have been 44,817.

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The number of comp	plete at	nd perfe	ct copies
of The Washington	Times	printed	Sundays
during the month of	June	was as	follows:
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Sunday average for month 47,136 The net total circulation of The Washington Times (Sunday) during the month of June was 165,819, all copies left over and returned by agents being eliminated. This number, when divided by 4, the number of Sundays for June to have been 41,706.

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As the early bird Atwood caught Washington napping.

Even the Postoffice clock must have stopped work suddenly at 6:20.

The Treasury Department is issuing an increased number of dollar billsto meet the demand for vacation tips.

The Washington Florists' Club will fairly revel tomorrow out there on a "bank where the wild thyme grows.

Some of the little parklets over beyond the Corcoran Art Gallery might look more inviting if they were somewhat improved.

It seemed like a pity to disillusion the people who thought they saw Atwood and Hamilton pirouetting over the city yesterday.

John Hays Hammond is in bad with stiff-necked conservatism. He actually nudged the King with his elbow at Sir Edward Gray's dinner.

Rockville is collecting enough fines from speeders to employ quite a number of additional detectives, who in turn will collect more fines, etc.

Surely Dr. Sawtelle will fix the number of licensed cats in some ratio to the number of maiden ladies -and right there he will get himself

Takoma Park takes another big stride ized the installation of electric lights to replace the old oil street lamps and a heavy expenditure upon street improvements to be made at once.

"Please, may I put my feet on your grass?" the appeal of the barefoot city urchin for a bit of country freedom, can be answered for some poor child by a response to the summer outings committee's appeal for support of Camp Good Will,

The Saengerbund's recent action in presenting gold hadges to President Lepper and Secretary Brauner, the occasion being the fiftieth birthday anniversary, was a tribute earned by many years of deep interest shown and hard work done to improve the organization.

local Boy Scouts not to send a delegation to the proposed national encampment of the organization at Cooperstown, N. Y., will find favor with the corps. "Jimmy" West sizes the case un about right when he says: "The danger is too great and the body too unwieldy to take care of with safety; a drowning or two and the whole value of the organization would be lost.

Once more the efforts of The Washington Times to obtain an improved value, however, is arbitrarily fixed by public service for the people of the Dis- the company at about \$10,000,000. No trict of Columbia have met with success. The directors of the Georgetown Gas Light Company, in response to pub- made by any independent agency in lic sentiment crystallized by The Times, which the public had representation. have voted to reduce the price of gas It is the company's own estimate. The in the big territory west of Rock Creek. Beginning December 1 the rate will be 85 cents instead of \$1, and it larize that 6 per cent stock phrase is will apply also to users of gas in Mary- to make Congress and the people think

Citizens of the District are watching of the Washington Ad Club to land the next convention of Associated Ad Clubs of America in this city. The stunt of beeming Washington ought to attract sufficient attention among delegates and visitors to give Washington clear association and for the Capital.

The Government employe who is wise in his day and generation will not wait for formal orders to visit the exhibit of time and labor-saving devices at the Union building, 621 G street northwest, This novel show is held under the aus pices of the President's economy and efficiency commission, and is primarily for the benefit of the people in the Government service. Groups of emploves are detailed every day to attend the exhibit, but there's nothing to prevent any clerk going without being de-

Director Ralph, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has set an example that other Government officials could well emulate. Postoffice inspectors have just finished checking up his accounts and have found that his books
square without the loss of even a onecent stamp. That this is an unusual and commendable record is attested by the fact that the bureau hundles about 42 000,000 stamps a day. Furthermore.

took charge of it. The feature of special interest in these statements is the well nigh perfect organization which they indicate stands behind them.

THE REAL ISSUE IN THE CON-TROLLER SCANDAL.

In another place in this paper appears an outline of the remarkable sequence of events leading up to the Guggenheim seizure of Controller Bay, the last harbor of access to the coal and copper treasures of Alaska. It is a summary of what the Congressional investigating committee expects to prove.

The question of whether "Dear Dick" Ryan wrote a letter to "Dear Dick" Ballinger saying that Charlie Taft got the President to give Ryan the Controller harbor, is not the whole issue here. It is suggestive that our cautious President does not "remember" talking to Charles P. Taft about the matter. We might expect him to be more vigorous; to denounce this "fabrication" of a woman writer with some of the vitriol that he turned on Glavis. But that is unimportant

Some things stand unquestioned in regard to Controller Bay. It was wanted for a railroad terminal. It was the most available, if not the only harbor remaining, for access to the coal fields, It was given to Ryan's entrymen.

Now, what difference whether Ryan represented Guggenheim or not? Would ANYBODY from getting that last har-

The Administration seems to think it was all right to give away that immensely important strategic property, if only it wasn't given to Guggenheim. that would be too bad; but really, who had a private "tip" on Atwood, for it is the Administration to believe when the center of admiring groups, but it tell it perfectly straight-looking sto-

Under the Roosevelt Administration or anti-Guggenheim-getting it. That seems mighty sensible.

harbor to somebody. It ought to have Alaska coal

The issue, in short, is not whether Miss Abbott tells the truth. It is whether the Administration went out of its way to get rid of the last harbor which controlled access to coal deposits the Guggenheims were trying to grab. The country is going to get a complete answer to the real question.

GAS MONOPOLY CONTINUES BIG DIVIDENDS.

forward. The city council has author- from the pockets of Washington gas Great Pacificator, forgetting ancient consumers to the pockets of gas stock- grudges, might, have turned to the morholders. At the meeting of directors dant sage of Roanoke and remarked of the Washington Gas Light Company with a twinkle: "John, of course Adams per share was declared. Otherwise ex- the idea that I was a Puritan?" And pressed, this is a dividend of 6 per 24 cents more would go up against the cent per quarter, or 24 per cent Kentuckian's open account. a year. In dollars, it is a distribution of \$156,000 quarterly and of \$624,000 the house, sir, if in an environment like annually.

The capital stock of the gas monopoly amounts to \$2,600,000. Its par his day and worthy of the ancient value is \$20 a share, and the number julep. of shares, therefore, is 130,000. It is again solemnly announced by the company that its quarterly dividend is 11/2 The decision of the officers of the per cent, and that its annual dividend is 6 per cent. If the company had its way gas stock would be discussed as a "6 per cent stock." The company never overlooks a chance to put forward that propaganda, but it doesn't get anvwhere. Gas stock is, actually, a 24 per cent stock, and everybody knows it.

Of course there's a joker in that "6 per cent stock" talk. It is 6 per centon the "value of the property." This appraisal of the property has ever been reason the company is trying to popuearnings are not excessive.

As long as the gas company keeps on with interest the development of plans gathering in sheckles and paying big profits, with only an occasional small reduction in the price of gas, it canthe local ad lubbers in going to the not hope to get away with such non-Boston convention in automobiles and sense. Against its entertaining conversation stands the actual fact of dollars and cents distribution of earnsailing. Incidentally, a convention held ings. The bulk sum of money split up here would be a good thing both for the among stockholders is bound to talk. For instance, here's what the money says about gas dividends paid in the

twelve years	1:		N
Year.	Rate	. A	mount.
190020	per	cent.	\$520,000
1901	per	cent.	390,000
1902	per	cent.	494,000
190318	per	cent.	468,000
190418	per	cent.	468,000
190521	per	cent.	546,000
190625			650,000
190725			650,000
190825	per	cent.	650,000
1909 24	per	cent.	621,000
191024			624,000
191124	per	cent.	621,000

stockholders. Congress refused to give the necessary authority, so the company issued \$2,600,000 of certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of making its dividend rate less and at the same Mrs. time dividing up all available earnings. by Mrs. Frear, and addresses by New

water for six years. The amount was \$156,000 a year, or a total of \$1,092,000. Throughout the twelve years the company also paid interest of 5 per cent on \$600,000 of bonds, a total bond interest of \$30,000 a year, or \$360,000.

This brings the total net earnings paid to holders of gas securities in the last twelve years to the modest sum of \$8,260,000!

If the gas company really has the value of \$10,000,000 claimed by its officials—which is not at all certain—it Representative Oldfield Says has almost paid for itself in a little more than a decade. In the face of this it was only in response to the incessant demands of this newspaper, backed by public opinion, that the company reduced its rates from \$1 to 85 cents. And in the face of this showing, plan to increase the water rates in in the face of that 24 per cent dividend which the lower rates haven't that any further reductions are forth-

Isn't it about time for our city council-the Congress of the United States and either pass a bill giving the District day and said that the subcommittee decent gas rate or establish a public may take up the water tax question.

FOR HIS JULEP.

A unique tribute to the julep floats up from White Sulphur Springs, linked be employed that will not cause pro it not have been good business to keep with the illustrious name of Henry tests from the taxpayers. Clay. Some one has been browsing through the guest book of the ancient hostelry which sheltered so many distinguished men and women of the closing '20's, and against the name of the then Secretary of State is a charge of Of course, if the Administration was 12 cents for a mint julep. It is not fooled, if it did give the harbor to the only interesting to revive these memo-Suggenheims because somebody lied, ries of the noontide of White Sulphur Springs, when Jefferson and Clay were gentlemen in perfectly correct clothes seems like a glimpse of the Golden Age to read that board was \$1.50 a day and juleps were 12 cents each.

Opponents of the Henry Clay school that harbor was stowed away in the of thought may be disposed to use it strong-box of a forest reserve, in order to his disadvantage that he went away to prevent ANYBODY-pro-Guggenheim without paying for his julep. In point See's Lawyer Charges of fact we hold his honor clear in the matter and count it but a tribute to The Taft Administration reversed the julep that it should have banished that policy of caution. It adopted all thought of anything so mundane unusual methods in order to give that and material as payment. Concocted by See, the "God-man," and the intense unskillful hands, which crush the mint kept the harbor for the people, as a and are careless as to the brand of the safeguard to the people's rights in their liquor, there are juleps which inspire no ethereal thoughts. They stir the megrims and summon the record of all our sins. They admonish us to set our ful jury that is trying the case. house in order and prepare for the last account. Even a debt of 12 cents would not be forgotten.

But a julep such as would have been served to a gentleman from Kentucky him. in the unspoiled days of the republic, surely it could have

"Raised a mortal to the skies Or drawn an angel down

We can fancy that as its benign, ef The stream of gold continues to flow feet crept along his glowing veins the George Inspects Royal vesterday a quarterly dividend of \$1.20 is a blackleg, but where did you get

It would have been a discourtesy to that the great man had stopped to dole out pennies to a landlord worthy of

WASHINGTONKEENLYINTER ESTED IN WRECK.

Not since the Terra Cotta wreck of five years ago, in which practically fifty people were killed almost within the District, has there been a railroad disaster which came so close home to the people of Washington as does the catastrophe on the New Haven railroad which occurred in the suburbs of Bridgeport this morning. The Washington express, by which name the fiver was known. was loaded down with Washington people, and included the names of some of the most prominent citizens of the District.

The toll of death already stands at thirteen, and from among the forty-odd injured the list of fatalities may be expected to grow to such proportions as will make the accident memorable.

From the moment when the first rumor reached the city that such an accident had taken place, the interest and anxiety here was at the highest tension. The noon edition of The Times giving the first details of the wreck carried a said confirmation of the fears entertained by many who had friends and relatives on board, and at the same time relieved the anxiety of many more who thereby learned of the safety of such relatives and friends.

The fact that the express was speed ing through Bridgeport at the rate of sixty miles an hour, when the regulations call for one-fourth that speed, carries its own comment, and there should be no difficulty in fixing the blame. Demand for a searching inquiry is mingled with a keen sense of the horror of it all.

Church Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting was held last night at Marvin Methodist Episcopal Church, Tenth and B streets southwest, under the auspices of Loyal Lodge, No. 3, I. O. G. T. The opening authority to issue more stock, gratis, to andress was made by the pastor, after which the literary and musical program was opened by a piano trio by Mrs. A. H. Frear, Mrs. E. V. Carr, and Mrs. Jennie Benson. A vocal solo by John Garner, a mandolin and piano duet by Maggie Obribin and Thelm its accounts have never been one stamp out of the way since Director Ralph It paid interest of 6 per cent on this Judge Nichols were on the program.

LIKELY TO INQUIRE

Protests May Lead to Investigation.

In view of the protests against the

the District, the subcommittee of the House District Committee, named to investigate municipal affairs generally even threatened, there is no assurance and tax rates particularly, may include the water rate question in its inquiry. But few members of the House Dis trict Committee are in the city, but Representative Oldfield, who introduced the resolution calling for an investiga--to take cognizance of this condition tion of District affairs, was found to-

service commission empowered to do it? of the case," said Mr. Oldfield, "but our committee probably will want to WHEN CLAY FAILED TO PAY look into the plan before it is made effective. An increase in the tax may be the only means of wiping out the deficit in the office of the Water Department. Again, perhaps some other means may

> "As our committee will investigate the entire taxation situation we will necessarily attempt to devise plans for running the District government as eco nomically as possible, and if any econ-omy scheme can be worked out with regard to the Water eDpartment that will make an increased tax unnecessary committee likely will recommend

No definite action has been taker with regard to the increase in water Commissioner Rudolph is away on cannot be levied until 1912 no immediate decision by the Commissioners is expected.

The Central Labor Union, at a meeting last night, appointed a committee of five, headed by Emmett L. Adams, to investigate the subject of a higher tax rate. No opinion regarding the pro-posed change has yet been expressed by labor leaders, who say they are not yet posted on the situation.

Triple Conspiracy

CHICAGO, July 11.-Open threats that have been made against Evelyn Arthur state of public opinion against the "prophet," today caused the court officials to double the guard in the court room, in anticipation of a demonstration against the "revealer" in the event he should be freed by the youth-

So strong has become the feeling against the founder of absolute life that large crowds followed See for several blocks when he left the court room yesterday hooting and jeering

Attorney Callahan opened for the de-fense today. He declared the "perse-cution" of See was a conspiracy on the part of the State's attorney to gain fame; the police to gain prestige, and the press, to sell papers.

Irish Constabulary

Royal Irish Constabulary, a review and presentation of colors to several Irish regiments, and a garden party at the ledge of the lord lieutenant of Ireland, ledge of the lord neutenant were the principal features today of were the principal features today of King George's program in Dublin. The toyal party will leave tomorrow for Holy Head.

What's on the Program in Washington Today.

(The Times will be pleased to an-nounce meetings and entertainments in concert by United States Engineer Eand, Judiciary Park, 7:30 p. m. Concert by the Fifteenth Cavalry Band, Fort Myer, 7:30 p. m. The following Masonic organizations will meet tonight: Lodge—Takoma, No. 29, M. M. Royal Arch Chapter— Mt. Horeb, No. 7, marki Knights Tem-plar Commandery—De Molay (Mount-et), No. 4, Temple and Malta. Eastern Star Chapters—Electa, No. 2; Bethle-

hem, No. 7.

The following I. O. O. F. organizations will meet tonight: Lodges—Washington, No. 8, degree work: Golden Rule, No. 21: Amity, No. 27, and Phoenix, No. 28, installation of officers. Encampment—Fred D. Stuart, No. 7, installation of officers.

Meeting of Capital Circle, No. 315, Protected Home Circle, Northeast Temple, Twelfth and H streets northeast, 8 p. m. Meeting of Camp No. 2, Patriotic Order

of Americans, Mariners' Temple, Sev-enth street, near N street, southwest, Meeting of Idaho Tribe, No. 18, I. O. R. tonight.

Meeting of Saltese Tribe. No. 15, I. O.
R. M., Seventh and D streets northwest, tonight.

Meeting of Osceola Tribe, No. 19, I. O.
R. M., Masonic Hall, Tenleytown, to-

Meeting of Waneta Council, No. 6, De-gree of Pocahontas, Fifth and G gree of Porahontas, Fifth and G streets northwest, tonight, Meeting of Independent Council, No. 2 Jr. O. U. A. M., Seventh and D streets northwest, tenight.

northwest, tenight.

Meeting of Jefferson Council. No. 12, Jr.
O. U. A. M., Twelfth and H streets
northeast, tonight.

Meeting of Washington Council. No. 13,
Jr. O. U. A. M. 820 Twentieth street
northwest, tonight.

Meeting of Potomac Council, No. 20, Jr.
O. U. A. M., 1075 Thirty-first street
northwest, tonight. O. U. A. M., 1075 Thirty-first street northwest, tonight.

Meeting of Jasper Council, No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., Fifth and G streets northwest, tonight.

Waneta Council, D. of P., will meet tonight at Society Temple, Fifth and G streets northwest.

The contest was won by a capacious "coon" apparently about twenty-five years of age, whose mouth and stomach were especially adapted for this variety of patrictic sanity. Another contestant might have given him a close race but for an over-zealous plunge at the outset, when his prodigious snout plowed nearly half his pie from its crust and dumped it upon the table beyond, so that in his later exertions in the service of his courty an unusually large portion of his culinary delicacy was plastered over he's counternance or mopped over the adjacent area beyond, so that in his any an unusuin the service of his courtry an unusuin the service of his courtry an unusuin the service of his courtry and his cour The contest took place in the blistering sun in the midst of "the longest and hottest siege ever experienced in the United States." Yet, although these dusky heroes labored violently with their ple-smeared "snoots" closely pressed to the table, which was almost shut off from the surrounding air by the overbepding crowd, not one of them faltered. There was not a single collapse—not a ruptured blood vessel nor a congested gullet.

When the contest was ended a cheer went up for the victor, grinning in glad triumph through his ple—a cheer which, if the Congressional orator of the day had remained to hear, would doubtless have made him feel that he had himself mistaken the true path to glory and patriotic service.

Then the sable heroes departed, leav-the dealth of the contest was placed in the grub and give the men a change in the grub and give the men something they could eat. At this time there is no one in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes. Mayor Warner used to be in the Senate or House that is directly interested in the homes and give orders and leave. Leavenworth, but he doesn't see it once a year. They have a lot of inspectors all the time, and they will appear at the homes and give orders and leave. They have a lot of inspectors all the time, and they will appear at the homes and give orders. They have a lot of inspectors all the time, and they will appear at the homes and give orders and leave. They have a lot of inspectors all the time, and they will appea Amusements. Columbia-Columbia Players in "The

Barrier," 8:15 p. m. p. m. Chevy Chase Lake—Dancing and music by section of Marine Band. Glen Echo Park—Dancing and music by section of Soldiers' Home Band. Luna Park—Midway attractions. Accord. Motion pictures, powling, and

Arcade-Motion pictures, powling, and River View-Dancing and other amuse ments; boat leaves Sevento street wharf 10 a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m. Colonial Beach—Boardwalk, bathing, and other amusements; steamers leave Seventh street wharf Jally except Monday, 9 a. m.; Saturday, 2:30 p. m. Marshall Hall-Steamer Charles Macal ester leaves Seventh street wharf 10 a, m., 2:30 and 6:45 p. m. daily. Stops made at Mt. Vernon. Steamer St. Johns leaves Seventh street wharf for forty-mile trip on the Po-tomac, 7 p. m.

HOUSE COMMITTEE HOUSE PROBERS TO QUESTION C. P. TAFT

INTO WATER RATES Alaskan Inquiry Will Also Bring Forth Daniel Guggenheim, Promoter Ryan, and Other Notables as Witnesses.

(Continued from First Page.)

change his mind later. It was stated that the President did not "recollect"that was the way the faithful chroniclers of White House mental processes conveyed it-did not rocollect any conversation with his Brother Charlie about the Controller Bay matter. However, it was further averred, the Presihad ordered careful examination of the files to see if he had re

tion of the files to see if he had received a letter from Brother Charlie'
about the matter.

Nobody ever charged that there was
a letter. Dick Ryan said he saw the
President and then got Charlie Taft to
see him. As to that, the President
doesn't "recollect." He examines the
files, and discovers there is no letter.
Whereupon indignant deptal its issued—

Answer Phantom Charges. Yet neither Miss Abbott nor anybody

else ever suggested there was a letter The White House denies something that has not been charged, and doesn't "recollect" about the thing that was

The feature that edified the Graham ommittee, when it read the White House statements, was this failure of memory. The Alaska-Ballinger-Pinchot-Guggenheim affair has been the most acutely impressive incident of the Taft administration. It has held the Administration on the defensive almost from listration on the defensive almost from the beginning. It is charged that, on impossible. How did it happen? the beginning it is charged that, on the strength of a certain conversation, the President took a step the effects of which must be more important than move made by him in the whole affair. Yet the President does not positively remember whether he of a sordid and suggestive story. Here held that conversation. He is examinities, in brief; ing his files to see whether he has a letter about the matter.

Amused by Denials,

The inquiry committee regard these curiously qualified denials with much amusement. Fortified behind information, the committee has reason for confidence that there will be no unqualified denials. As for denials of something nobody has charged, the comthing nobody has charged, the com-mittee is equally positive that in due time, and its own way, it will bring the Ryan, "this is no national forest land." issue back to the real charge and put an end to the spectacular bombardment of straw men.

Miss Abbott's charge is the immedi ately sensational and spectacular incident. But the committee does not want to be sensational. Its purpose is to levelop carefully logically the whole story of this Administration's re-

lations to Alaska.

Testimony will be adduced showing that during the Roosevelt administra tion Ryan was operating in Washing-ton, avowedly as the agent for the Alaska syndicate. At that time the Controller Bay lands were part of the general public domain. Roosvelt and Secretary Garfield determined that to make sure of their preservation from entry they should be included in the Chugach national forest, and this was At the time this was done, President formation

evelt remarked: nat will put it into Gifford's hands and they will have to get past him before they can grab the terminal." But in due time "Gifford's" protecting as of November and December; that power was taken from him. He was immediately thereafter, while all pos-driven from the service because he was sible competitors for this land were

cluded the usual requirement of thirty days' notice before the lands could be entered and sixty days' notice before they could be settled. This requirement was cut out before the order was signed by the President.
Ryan, having exclusive knowledge that

the lands were opened, enjoyed a long handicap over any possible competitors. The notice of this Executive order was mailed to the land office at Juneau Nomailed to the land office at Juneau No-vember 3, 1910—six days after it was signed. By mail it would take about wo weeks to get there. But on November 1, long before the

order could possibly have got there, surveyors were on the lands making the survey which the law requires before entries may be made. It would have see him. As to that, the President doesn't "recollect." He examines the been utterly impossible to get survey-files, and discovers there is no letter. Whereupon indignant denial is issued—for a charge nobody ever male: There is no letter from Erother Charlie; therefore, Miss Abbott lied!

Answer Phantom Charges.

entries may be made. It would have been utterly impossible to get survey-been utterly impossible

By December 1 the surveys were perfected, according to the record. That would have been utterly impossible if fected. the tip had not been given by wire to a waiting corps of surveyors. But still more remarkable is the next aspect of the record of the case:

December 14 Ryan went the the Department in Washington and filed an amended location for his raild, and the terminal land to which claims had meanwhile been filed.

Method of Circumvention.

The committee proposes to arswer all those questions about the antibilation of time and space by the development

Ryan got advance information that his executive order was going to be is-sued. So as early as July 15, according to the "Dick-Dick" note. able to say that the President was making no further objection. It is common Alaska knowledge that about the middle of September turned up in Alaska, at Controller Bay, with five miles of wire and assistance to help him stake off the land he wanted.

Ryan finished his job and hurried ack to Washington to file his map. The committee proposes to slow that that survey was actually made we before the dates it bears, and be the Executive order was actually sued. It is proposed to prove that the survey made in September was filed under later dates, so as to make it appear to have been made subsequent o the Issue of the Executive order To prove all these things, the com-mittee will bring here witnesses from Alaska, including probably the regis-ter and receiver of the Juneau land-office.

proposes to prove, entirely aside from e question whether there ever was "Dick-Dick" letter, that Evan had advance information that would be opened; that with that in-formation he got surveys made in September; that after he had his preliminaries all set up the Executive crder issued in October; that the surveys made in September were filed as of November and December; that determined at any cost to prevent the still ignorant that they they were grab of Alaska's coal. Then Ryan got opened, filings were made on them in the President to issue the Executive the names of Ryan's brother and order taking the Layshore lands out of members of the banking firm which the forest reserve. It was done by an unusual procedure—by Executive order, all these remarkable operations Ryan rather than by proclamation. In the got the land he wanted, and the syn-Executive order, as it went to the Gender will ultimately get it from eral Land Office for approval, was in- him.

safe, sane, nor sanitary, was one which

COMPLAINS OF NATIONAL

There are nine National Volunteer

homes and nearly 3,000 empty beds. At

the Danville, Ill., home, there is nearly

ped, but the old soldiers and the young

don't like to stay. One thing is the poor

water they have to drink, and the ice is

bought in Danville at \$4 per ton, and at

have their own postoffice, but the car-

riers bring the letters up from the

postoffice in Danville and dump the

letters out on the various beds. About

two months ago a squad of seventeen were brought from the Danville home to the Government Hospital for the

800 empty beds. This home is fully equip-

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

VOLUNTEER HOMES

In the Mail Bag

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their

own-to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter

not objectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must

not, however, exceed 200 words in length, and must be written only

on one side of the paper. Letters must in every case bear the name

and address of the writer as evidence of good faith, but the name

will not be made public without the consent of the contributor. Ad-

trough, each trying to out to every other the other eight national homes they

in gluttony. After the first onset their make their own ice at a cost of 75 to

faces were plastered from forehead to 80 cents per ton. All the other homes

heroes departed, leaving, and the whole camp is kept cleaning, and there will be extra grub the young as well as a generit of pie, which

Then the sable heroes departed, leaving behind many idealistic aspirations in the hearts of the young as well as a few scattering fragments of pie, which some of the children who had not been able to witness the contest began to appropriate and feast upon until asked to desist by one who had seen it.

This disgusting performance, which, in the opinion of the writer, was neither the wood the work of the contest began to appropriate and feast upon until asked to desist by one who had seen it.

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This disgusting performance, which, in the opinion of the writer, was neither the will be seen by the board. At the Tennessee Home they use to place lows would not eat it. They would find it fried for breakfast. Dried pease to me they use to place to appropriate and feast upon until asked to desist by one who had seen it.

This disgusting performance, which, in the soup.

L. W. ANDERSON.

IN GARFIELD PARK of Southeast Washington were invited by the Playgrounds Association to come

dress MAIL ING EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

SAFETY AND SANITY

eating contest.

each facing a huge pie.

oie stopped and "nigger"

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Perhaps the most striking feature of

the "safe and sane Fourth" on the Garfield Park playground was the ple-

Soon after noon a table was set in

he midst of the multitude, and some

eight or a dozen repuisive-looking negro

men were stationed in front of it, each

having his hands tied bealind him and

At a given signal the sport began.

They jammed their faces into these ples

like so many hogs diving into a swill

chin, the only questionable exception be-ing the case of a patriotic son of Af-

rica, who became so mixed up with what appeared to be a blackberry ple that it was difficult to determine where

The contest was won by a capacious 'coon" apparently about twenty-five

glory and patriotic service.

Then the sable heroes departed, leaving behind many idealistic aspirations

ADMINISTRATION TO STAND PAT ON ITS DICK-DICK DENIALS

Secretary Fisher Attends Cabinet Meeting, Giving Taft New Assurances.

Secretary Fisher was in conference with the President again today about the Controller Bay affair. He came to the White House half an hour before the hour for the Cabinet to convene, and from what could be learned, he again assured the Executive that the Department of Interior records had not a word in them about the now famous Dick to Dick postscrip.

This is the report, too, which the Sec retary was able to make to the Cabinet. And it is the situation upon which the Administration is prepared to stand

The White House maintained a sysematic silence today on the whole Controller Bay proposition. The President still fails to recollect any conversation with his brother, Charles P. Taft, which would furnish the basis for the intimations in the Dick to Dick letter.

Also the White House files fail to any communication from the President's brother bearing on this mat-

That is the extent of the information. all of which is negative, that comes from the Executive offices.

It is known, of course, that the Cabnet threshed out the details of the reinet threshed out one details of the re-cent developments. Secretary Fisher at-tended today's meeting burdened with papers. He had an armful of them, and it is a safe guesa that he told his and it is a safe guess that he told his associates that the burden of prooof is on Miss Abbott.

This is the whole attitude of the President and his advisers. They are standing upon the record as they have discussed it publicly, and this record appears now to be without any sugges tion of the Dick to Dick letter

Service Orders

Lieutenant HARRY R. BEERY. Medical Corps, will be relieved from the maneuver division, San Antonio, Tex. July 24, 1911, and will return to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. rst Lieutenant RALPH McT. PEN-NELL, Sixin Field Artillery, to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for duty as secretary of the School of Fire for Field Artii

ist Lieutenant HENRY J. REILLY. Thirteenth Cavalry, will proceed to West Point, N. Y., and report on August 22, 1911, to the superintendent, United States Military Academy. fer duty.

direction of the President, ORRIN R. WOLFE, Twenty-second Infan-try, is detailed for service in the quartermaster's department.

irst Lieutenant JOHN S. MARSHALL, United States army, retired, having been nominated to the Senate for advancement in grade, and the Sen-ate naving advised and consented on July 8, 1911, to his advancement, is placed upon the retired list of the army by the President, with the rank of captain, from June 17, 1911.

Lieutenant Commander J. K. TAUSSIG, detached Delaware, to comman Midshipman M. C. CHEEK and Mid-shipman R. S. FIELD, to Missouri.

Midshipman W. M. QUIGLEY, to Mich-McDONALD, detached Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, to Virginia. Assistant Paymaster J.

Passed Assistant Paymaster J. H. GUN-NELL, detached Virginia, to home and wait orders. Passed Assistant Paymaster F. P. WILLIAMS, detached navy yard, Washington, D. C., to New Jersey.

Assistant Paymaster H. L. BEACH, detached New Jersey, to temporary duty navy navy, Boston, Mass. Civil Engineer A. L. PARSONS, /de-tached Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., to navy yard, New York, N. Y.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived-Wheeling, at Portsmouth, N. Chester, at rived-Wheeling, at H.; Mars, Arethusa, Chester, at Provincetown; Marblehead, at Long Chevenne, at Bremerton; Solace, at Tompkinsville. Sailed-Vicksburg, from San Juan del Juan. for Guantanamo; Whipple, Hopkins, Hull, Truxton, Paul Jones, Perry, Preble, Stewart, Lawrence, Farragut, Goldsborough, Rowan, from Sausalito for Eureka, Cal.; Colorado, Glacier, Prometheus, from San Diego. for San Francisco; Leb-anon, from Newport, for Province-

Fire Damages Club of Negro Business Men

Damage of \$200 was caused by fire early this morning in the Colored Business Men's Social Club, on the second floor of 2031-35 Georgia avenue north-west. The blaze was discovered by Joseph Cutts, colored, who was sleeping in the place. Origin is unknown.

Concerts Today

By the Fifteenth Cavalry Band, at Fort Myer, Va., at 7:30 p.m.

GEORGE F. TYRRELL, Director. PROGRAM.

Slavonic Dance No. 1 Dvorak

By the U. S. Engineer Band, Judiciary Park, at 7:30 p. m. JULIUS KAMPER, Leader.

PROGRAM.

March, "Greeting to Bangor"...Hall Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor"......Nicolai Morceau Characteristic Vision, Introduction and Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" Wag Bararole Waltz from "Tales of Hoffmann" Roberts
Czardas, "Der Golst des Wojewoden" Grossmann
Characteristic, "Siamese Guard Mount"

Mount" Lini
Descriptive Fantasia, "A Day in
West Point" Bend
"The Star-Spangled Banner."